

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DISTRICT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

OSCAR H. ALVARADO

No. 23 CR 485

Hon. Lindsay C. Jenkins

**PROTECTIVE ORDER GOVERNING DISCOVERY**

Upon the motion of the government, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d) and 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a)(1) and (8), it is hereby ORDERED:

1. All of the materials provided by the parties in preparation for, or in connection with, any stage of the proceedings in this case (collectively, “the materials”) are subject to this protective order and may be used by the parties and counsel of record in this case solely in connection with this case, and for no other purpose, and in connection with no other proceeding, without further order of this Court.

2. The parties shall not disclose the materials or their contents directly or indirectly to any person or entity other than persons employed to assist in the case, persons who are interviewed as potential witnesses, counsel for potential witnesses, and other persons to whom the Court may authorize disclosure (collectively, “authorized persons”). Potential witnesses and their counsel may be shown copies of the materials as necessary to prepare the case, but may not retain copies without prior permission of the Court. The materials and their contents shall not be disclosed

either directly or indirectly to any person or entity outside of the United States without prior authorization from the Court.

3. Certain materials disclosed or to be disclosed by the parties contain particularly sensitive information, including medical information. These materials shall be plainly marked as sensitive by the relevant party prior to disclosure. No such materials, or the information contained therein, may be disclosed to any persons other than the parties, persons employed to assist the parties, or the person to whom the sensitive information solely and directly pertains, without prior notice to the producing party and authorization from the Court. Absent prior permission from the Court, information marked as sensitive shall not be included in any public filing with the Court, and instead shall be submitted under seal (except in the case of a defendant who chooses to include in a public document sensitive information relating solely and directly to the defendant making the filing).

4. The parties and authorized persons shall not copy or reproduce the materials except in order to provide copies of the materials for use in connection with this case by the parties, and authorized persons. Such copies and reproductions shall be treated in the same manner as the original materials.

5. The parties and authorized persons shall not disclose any notes or records of any kind that they make in relation to the contents of the materials, other than to authorized persons, and all such notes or records are to be treated in the same manner as the original materials.

6. Before providing materials to an authorized person, the parties must provide the authorized person with a copy of this Order.

7. Upon conclusion of all stages of this case, all of the materials and all copies made thereof shall be disposed of in one of three ways, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The materials may be (1) destroyed; (2) returned to the producing party; or (3) retained in each party's respective case file. The Court may require a certification as to the disposition of any such materials. In the event that the materials are retained by the parties, the restrictions of this Order continue in effect for as long as the materials are so maintained, and the materials may not be disseminated or used in connection with any other matter without further order of the Court.

8. To the extent any material is produced by a party by mistake, the producing party shall have the right to request the return of the material and shall do so in writing. Within five days of the receipt of such a request, the non-producing party shall return all such material if in hard copy, and in the case of electronic materials, shall certify in writing that all copies of the specified material have been deleted from any location in which the material was stored.

9. The restrictions set forth in this Order do not apply to documents that are or become part of the public court record, including documents that have been received in evidence at other trials, nor do the restrictions in this Order limit the parties in the use of discovery materials in judicial proceedings in this case, except

that any document filed by any party which attaches or otherwise discloses specially identified sensitive information as described in Paragraph 3, above, shall be filed under seal to the extent necessary to protect such information, absent prior permission from this Court.

10. Nothing contained in this Order shall preclude any party from applying to this Court for further relief or for modification of any provision hereof.

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LINDSAY C. JENKINS  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois

Date: 1/20/2026